

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2021

Charity details

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Structure,
Governance,
Management

The group is governed and regulated by the Constitution adopted by the members on 10th October 2012 and amended on 20th February 2013. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and
activities

Our objects are to promote the advancement and improvement of general education in relation to all aspects of the art of drama and the development of public appreciation of the art; to make such grants and donations for such purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

Spring Grove Fringe is a community drama group that aims to promote understanding of and participation in theatre, and to make donations to other local or national charities.

In planning the year's activities the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements Covid-19 restrictions throughout the year seriously affected our activities. Only one production was possible: **Out!**, a review, in June. This had a very good response from members, and audiences of 60 each night were enthusiastic to be at a live performance again. At-table service proved to be popular.

Risk assessments were updated to comply with differing government restrictions during the year.

A number of online play readings were held and these were well supported. We remain an inclusive, community-based group open to all.

New table cloths and recycling bins have been purchased. We have also bought reusable plastic glasses to cut down our use of single-use plastic. It was agreed to move the bank account from Santander to Metro Bank. This is ongoing.

It was agreed to increase the normal ticket price for a supper evening to £25, to take account of inflation since the last increase and to build up our reserves.

Financial Review Members have remained loyal, paying subscriptions. A Gift Aid claim for the previous 3 years was made.

The core operating expenditure that is incurred irrespective of productions has been actively managed to minimise the impact of the pandemic.

- Wednesday evening hall hire was waived from October to mid May.
- The rental for the garage used for storage continued at a reduced rate from October to March.

At the end of the financial year, the balance as in the accounts was all unrestricted funds.

Reserves are held to cover hall rental, storage charges, future production costs and unforeseen expenditure, such as repairs. We aim to keep between £1500 and £2000 in reserves, although these are likely to be low until we are able to return to regular productions.

Donations of £600 were made as follows:
£500 to Kingston Food Bank
£100 to Pilgrims Hospice

A Budget for the year 2021/22 has been created, and income and expenditure will be actively monitored along with cash flow to ensure a healthy bank balance is maintained.

Approved by the trustees by email in October 2021 and signed on their behalf by

..... Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

..... Amanda Shaw (Secretary)